

Graduation Newsletter

September 2022

Dear 2023 Graduates,

The date of graduation for next year is **Wednesday, June 28, 2022**. This package contains many deadline dates and directions, please keep it for further reference. You will also find grad information on the school website under “Leaving the Nest”.

Only students who have earned a diploma by June 22, 2023 will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. If you wish to participate you must have completed the required 30 credits (including 18 compulsory credits), the 40 hours of community service and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test.

GRADUATION PHOTOS:

Grads will be responsible for booking their own grad photo date and time through Edge Imaging’s online booking system. Online booking information will be emailed to you once your grad application and grad fee has been received through School Cash Online. If you want to be in the composite and the yearbook you must have your picture taken at this time. For consistency, only pictures taken by our photographer will be included in the composite. You do not need to order any of these pictures! Photo retakes and missed appointments will have to be arranged by the student on their own time. The graduation photos will be taken at St. John’s College between: **JANUARY 10-20, 2023.**

VALEDICTORIAN NOMINATIONS:

Valedictorian nomination forms are enclosed. They are also available from Mr. MacKinlay. The completed form **must be submitted to Mr. MacKinlay by DECEMBER 9, 2022**. If no nominations are forthcoming, there either will not be a valedictorian, or the Principal may choose to ask a student to assume the honour. If there are more than five nominations the valedictorian committee will choose five candidates, based on the information in the package and the essay submitted and a vote will be taken.

GRADUATION FEES:

Graduation entails a great deal of planning and therefore we need your cooperation. Graduation gowns, programs and composites must be ordered. Your graduation fee will be due and must be paid online before **October 31, 2022**. The Grad Fee is **\$100.00** per student. This amount includes the **\$30 sitting fee** for grad photos and ceremony costs. Prom tickets and the Grad Retreat are not included in this cost. If you do not graduate you will receive a refund, however if you choose not to participate fees will not be refunded after **May 1, 2023**.

